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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

Although we have not been a part of the action since the papers were approved by the Director, the following is our understanding of the status of the pre-release coordination on the Disclosures paperwork, our sources being Messrs. Parrott and Houston:

a. Defense: General Bennett agreed with papers and obtained Mr. Packard's approval. Apparently no action has been taken regarding SecDef Laird.

b. Justice: Nothing has been heard from Assistant Attorney General Mardian following the luncheon and discussion with him on 18 January.

c. White House Staff: After the Director talked to General Haig, Russell Ash was identified as the action officer. Tom Parrott took a set of the papers to him and after some discussion got agreement with but one amendment to which we agreed (the addition of a sentence at the end of paragraph 6 of the Guidance paper to read: "Where a violation of criminal statutes may be involved, any such case should be referred promptly to the Department of Justice.")

d. State: After General Cushman raised the question about State Mr. Parrott was asked to take a copy of the papers to Mr. Ray Cline which he did on 25 January.

(signed) John W. Coffey

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